

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[30]]~~33, wherein said treating increases neuron survival in said subject.

Claim 32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for treating of claim 30, wherein the neurodegenerative ocular disease is~~ age-related macular degeneration in a subject in need of said treating, the method comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of etazolate.

Claims 34 and 35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) A method of claim ~~[[30]]~~33, wherein etazolate is administered in oral form.

Claims 37-41. (Canceled)